

THE Villager

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Bettering the Community Through Woodworking

Carl Gregory's Story

When John Beck Elementary School music teacher Michele Conrad opened her classroom to parents for their Spring 2014 open house, she had no idea it would end with several of her broken instruments being restored to working order. Robert Gregory, father of sixth grader Elizabeth Gregory, who is a student of Michele's, noticed a few of the teacher's ukuleles were in need of repair. He mentioned that his father, BV Resident Carl Gregory, is quite skilled in woodworking and could make the instruments playable again. Before moving to Brethren Village, Carl had a fully equipped workshop and enjoyed working with wood and creating beautiful pieces. He continues to create wood-workings at the BV Workshop either to sell or repair items that people need fixed. Even though, as Carl says, he's not musically inclined, he wanted to help and fixed the ukuleles for Michele's

students. Michele was grateful for his work saying, "One thing led to another and probably before Carl knew what was happening I had also roped him into repairing

several of my aging xylophones and metallophones that were falling apart and needed new parts. Carl did a great job repairing all of our broken instruments. Not only has he helped to put the instruments back into the hands of my students, but he has also saved our school district money." The payoff for Carl? Not only



did he feel good about helping the school, but Michele saved Carl and his wife Elizabeth seats at the Christmas program where they were able to watch their granddaughter's concert and see many of the instruments he repaired in action.

While Carl may not be musically inclined, the youngest of his three sons, Robert, is. For the past 20 years, Robert played guitar and sang classic rock music. Robert currently plays locally in the acoustic duo "Rockin Horse Unplugged." Robert got the "bright idea" that since Carl has talent working with wood, he could surely build him a guitar. Carl took that challenge and bought a guitar kit from Martin Guitar. After the base of the guitar was built, Carl handed

it over to a man who used to work at Martin Guitar and builds them on the side. It's now in the process of final assembly.

Carl's wife, Elizabeth, is also a talented artist. Her stunning watercolor paintings adorn the walls of their newly renovated BV apartment. Elizabeth also frequents BV's Workshop and is learning the art of chair caning from a fellow Resident. Over the years, Carl has made many wooden gifts for Elizabeth including an intricately carved serving tray. In the year that Carl and Elizabeth have made BV their new home, they have enjoyed meeting other Residents, spending time in the Village Townhouse Hidden Garden, and flexing their creative muscles.



Elizabeth's watercolor of Philadelphia is one of many paintings that color the walls of their apartment



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Our Vision

Enriching each life touched by our ministry at Brethren Village.

Our Mission

Rooted in the tradition of service within the Church of the Brethren, the mission of Brethren Village is to provide a continuum of services and Christ-like care to support the aging process and to enhance the spiritual, physical, social and emotional wholeness of Residents, Team Members, and community.

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Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 7, 2015 and join us for the 14th annual Brethren Village Good Samaritan Banquet. Your support of this event helps assure Residents who are in need of financial assistance that care and essential services will continue even if their assets are depleted. Last year, over \$52,000 was raised for the Good Samaritan Benevolent Fund from this event!

The banquet will begin with fellowship and an array of hors d'oeuvres, prepared and donated by Sodexo, followed by a full-course dinner and toe-tapping entertainment. Gather with us as we celebrate those who give from their heart, help make a difference, and enrich the lives of our Residents.

This year's musical guests will be **Quintessentially Brass**. Founded in 2009, the popular Lancaster-based ensemble is devoted to surprising and delighting their audience by presenting the best in the brass quintet repertoire. Their music catalog includes sacred to secular, Jazz and Pop to major Baroque and Classical. The musicians believe that making great music takes hard work and must always be fun for them and a delight for their audience. Don't miss this performance!

The Good Samaritan Banquet will be held at the Middle Creek Church of the Brethren. Tickets are \$125 per person and table sponsorships are available for \$900 with seating for eight guests. If you would like to attend or be a table sponsor, please call Teresa, Development Associate & Special Events Manager at (717) 581-4478. We look forward to seeing you there and appreciate your support!

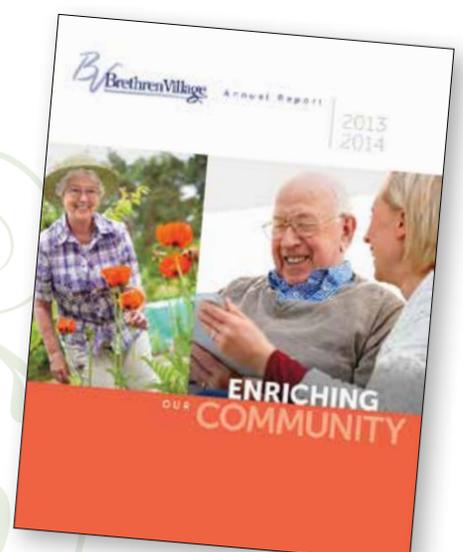
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ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014 CORRECTION

While we endeavor to publish correct and inclusive information, Ned Robbins was inadvertently missed in the Donor listing section of the recent Annual Report. We apologize for the omission. In case you missed it, the 2013-2014 Annual Report is now available on the homepage of our website: www.bv.org.





BV "Lubbs" Fudge

Meet Donna Lubbs, the charming face behind that delicious chocolate fudge!

Donna has been a Resident at Brethren Village for nine years, and for at least six of those she's been gifting new Residents with her homemade fudge. "Alice Stoner and I, as representatives of the Brethren Village Auxiliary, would pay a visit to new Residents to make them feel welcome. I felt like I wasn't really contributing so I decided to make fudge for each of our visits," Donna related. Her simple gesture made her famous among Residents. Donna has received many requests for her fudge, which she also makes for the Easter Candy sale and for monthly coffee socials — at the request of Residents. She makes an estimated 80 pounds of chocolate fudge a year. Even though Donna doesn't visit the new Residents herself anymore, she still makes fudge to be presented to the Residents who recently moved into Brethren Village. "I'm amused that there's such a fuss about my fudge because my sister was the cook while I sewed. My niece was my critic. I'd make various adjustments to the recipe and she would give me her honest feedback," laughed Donna. The buzz over Donna's fudge isn't contained to just Brethren Village's campus. Donna smiles as she conveys the excitement her family members express at receiving a package from Aunt Donna, knowing the delectable contents before even opening it. Describing herself in one word, Donna says she's incredibly blessed. "My family is brilliant, beautiful and otherwise normal. My daughter-in-law researched dozens of retirement communities before deciding on BV. I can't imagine a better place than Brethren Village, I am so very fortunate." Brethren Village is also fortunate to have such a caring, sweet Resident to welcome new neighbors to the Village!

BV Workshop Builds Boxes

With cold winter weather comes the need for ice melt — and lots of it — to keep the Residents of a large retirement community safe. BV crews keep large buckets of ice melt at almost every entrance so it's at the ready in times of slick conditions. Four generous men at the BV Resident Workshop created 15 wooden boxes to house the buckets of ice melt to keep our campus looking its best. Thank you to Dave Haldeman, Charlie Wood, Galen Miley, and Harold Rupp for their time and craftsmanship.



A finished box holds ice melt at the Welcome Center entrance.



Dave Haldeman, Charlie Wood, Galen Miley and Harold Rupp stand with some boxes in construction.

BV Announces President's Cruise

You're invited to join us on the Brethren Village President's Cruise, hosted by BV President & CEO John Snader, from October 10–17, 2015. The cruise will explore Canada and New England aboard the Regal Princess without setting foot on a plane. Board the ship in Manhattan and sail to Halifax, Nova Scotia and Saint John, New Brunswick followed by Bar Harbor, Maine, Boston, Massachusetts and Newport, Rhode Island before sailing back to New York City. Sit back, relax and enjoy the spectacular fall colors and idyllic coastal villages. Explore charming ports, stunning national parks and rich history too! A bus will take you from Lancaster to New York City and back. Inclusive prices range from \$1,190 – \$2,190/person. Deadline to sign up is June 14, 2015. For more information please contact Holly Began at 717.581-4251 or hbegan@bv.org.



Are You a Follower? Be sure to follow Brethren Village on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube for the latest news and events!



New Residents

AUGUST 2014

Nancy E Horning, Village Garden Apartments, formerly of Ephrata, PA

SEPTEMBER 2014

Donald Brenner, Fieldcrest, formerly of Lancaster, PA
Irwin & Joyce Groff, Fieldcrest, formerly of New Holland, PA
Philip & Joan Norris, Cottage, formerly of Lititz, PA
Gladys Metzler, Village Townhouse, formerly of Manheim, PA

OCTOBER 2014

Edward & Virginia Lancaster, Fieldcrest, formerly of Lancaster, PA
Janet Boardman, Fieldcrest, formerly of Lancaster, PA
Marilyn Wagner, Fieldcrest, formerly of Lancaster, PA
Thomas & Josephine Stork, Fieldcrest, formerly of Lititz, PA
Robert & Betty McCarty, Cottage, formerly of New Holland, PA
Jeanne Fisher, Fieldcrest, formerly of Lancaster, PA
Ralph Thomas, Village Garden Apartments, formerly of Lancaster, PA

NOVEMBER 2014

Luther & Nancy Heiser, Fieldcrest, formerly of Asheville, NC
Stanley Witmer, Fieldcrest, formerly of Lancaster, PA
Geraldine Shuman, Fieldcrest, formerly of Lancaster, PA
Alfred Chieppor, Village Townhouse, formerly of Lititz, PA
Emily Crane, Fairview Meadows, formerly of Ephrata, PA
Hilda Reichenbach, Village Townhouse, formerly of Harrisburg, PA

DECEMBER 2014

Joyce Sawyer, Fieldcrest, formerly of Lancaster, PA
Ervin & Dorothy Martin, Oakwood House, formerly of East Petersburg, PA
Doneita Barkley, Village Garden Apartments, formerly of Lancaster, PA
Ella Estes, Fairview Meadows, formerly of Phoenixville, PA
James & Patricia Hoffer, Cottage, formerly of Hummelstown, PA
Lamar Denlinger, Village Garden Apartments, formerly of Lancaster, PA
Joan Denlinger, Village Garden Apartments, formerly of Lancaster, PA

JANUARY 2015

Karen Roth, Fieldcrest, formerly of Lancaster, PA
John & Joanne Henry, Fieldcrest, formerly of York, PA
John & Jeanne H Burkins, Fieldcrest, formerly of Drumore, PA
Juanita Jessen, Fairview Meadows, formerly of Landisville, PA
James & Eunice Esch, Fieldcrest, formerly of Adamstown, PA

Servant Heart Awards

BV's Servant Heart Awards recognize Team Members who exemplify outstanding service in one or more of BV's core values of Caring, Integrity, Stewardship, and Excellence. Of the many Servant Heart awards that are issued each month, one Team Member is chosen as the Servant Heart of the Month. Congratulations to the following Team Member recipients:

July 2014

Bianca Orantes, Dining Services

August 2014

Grounds Crew

September 2014

Kenneth Ogle, Maintenance

October 2014

Debbie Fillmore, Supportive Living
Admissions

November 2014

Holly Parmer, Personal Care

December 2014

Luis Rosa Bultron, Housekeeping



Planning Versus Spontaneity; A Balance is Good



As a Planned Giving Counselor, I often assist people in making gifts to Brethren Village so that benefits to both the Village and the Donor can be maximized according to current tax laws. Planned Giving means putting something in a will or trust today in order to make a specific gift in the future. Current giving usually does not require as much planning and can be more spontaneous. Both are worthy ways to support Brethren Village.

Recently Brethren Village was the recipient of two gifts that are examples of both points. The first was a check for over \$87,400 from a Charitable Remainder Trust drafted long ago. The donor and her daughter had both worked at Brethren Village. The donor's mother had been a Resident in skilled nursing care. This gift was to say "thank you" for the mother's high-quality care and was an expression of the donor's regard for the mission of Brethren Village. This was definitely Planned Giving.

The second example was a check for \$10,000 from the daughter of a Courtyards Resident who had passed away. The Resident had not named Brethren Village in her will, but, the daughter donated a portion of the estate to express appreciation for the care her mother had received. "This is what mother would have wanted," she said.

While both gifts are of different types, they each stand as testaments to our entire Brethren Village Team and to the core values exemplified each and every day on our campus. Both gifts will go into the Good Samaritan Fund and provide benevolent care to Residents with exhausted financial resources. Both are truly gifts that help make a difference.

For more information, contact: **Chuck Few,**
Planned Giving Counselor. 717.581.4274.
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Enjoy comfortable, independent living in one of our cozy one-bedroom residential apartments.

Village Townhouse Apartments: more affordable choices at your fingertips.

At Brethren Village, we are all about offering our community a wide range of choices to fit a variety of lifestyles. Our campus has residential living options ranging from large two-bedroom cottages, to more affordable studio and one-bedroom apartments.

You may be surprised to know that at Brethren Village, over 40% of our residential apartments would be considered "affordable" and have entrance fees starting at \$29,800 and monthly fees starting at \$700.

Many of these apartments are conveniently located within our Village Townhouse and Oakwood House buildings. Both have indoor hallways that connect to the Village Center, the Aquatic Center, Welcome Center and Supportive Living services. So our Village Townhouse and Oakwood house Residents can enjoy being at the center of everything on our campus no matter what the weather!

Call us today to find out more about the many affordable choices we offer Residents at Brethren Village including traditional service plans and monthly rentals.



Shown here is a one-bedroom Village Townhouse apartment floor plan.



Village Townhouse and Oakwood House residents enjoy all-indoor access to our beautiful, newly renovated aquatic center.



Buy a gift program

In anticipation of the 2014 holiday season, Brethren Village launched its Buy A Gift program with great success! 123 holiday gifts were purchased for BV Residents with positive comments from both family members and Residents. If you haven't logged on yet, Brethren Village's NEW gift-giving website has a variety of gifts and services that would be perfect for your loved one. Surprise them for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter, Christmas, a birthday or anniversary, or for no reason at all! Be sure to check back throughout the year for special packages and holiday-themed gifts. If you'd like to be notified about Buy A Gift news, please send your email address to: info@bv.org.



To order a gift, visit our secure website: www.bv.org/buy, or stop by any of our Concierge locations.

E V E N T S

March 31, 2015 • 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Wellness Fair in Wolfe Auditorium

April 3, 2015 • 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Good Friday Service in the Chapel

April 7, 2015 • 7:00 PM

Lebanon Valley Brethren Home Choral Easter Cantata in Wolfe Auditorium

April 8, 2015 • 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Dementia Support Group in the Terrace Crossing 2nd floor conference room

April 8, 2015 • 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Film/Faith & Discussion Program "Chariots of Fire" in Wolfe Auditorium

April 11, 2015 • 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Performing Arts presents the Juniata College Wind Symphony in Wolfe Auditorium

April 14, 2015 • 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

BV Choir Easter Program in Wolfe Auditorium

April 15, 2015 • 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

BV Choir Easter Program in Fieldcrest Great Room

April 29, 2015 • 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

"Big Topic" Series — TBA in the Chapel

April 30, 2015 • 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

BV Career Fair in Wolfe Auditorium

May 7, 2015 • 5:00 PM – 8:30 PM

14th Annual Good Samaritan Banquet at Middle Creek Church of the Brethren

May 13, 2015 • 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Dementia Support Group in the Terrace Crossing 2nd floor conference room

May 13, 2015 • 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Film/Faith & Discussion Program "Sister Moon Brother Sun" in Wolfe Auditorium

May 21, 2015 • 2:00 PM

AARP Chorus in Wolfe Auditorium

May 22, 2015 • 2:00 PM

The Roe Family Band in Wolfe Auditorium

May 27, 2015 • 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

"Big Topic" Series – Nancy Bieber, Quaker Faith/Worship in the Chapel

May 31, 2015 • 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Performing Arts presents The Heritage Chorale of Lancaster in Wolfe Auditorium

June 10, 2015 • 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Dementia Support Group in the Terrace Crossing 2nd floor conference room

June 10, 2015 • 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Film/Faith & Discussion Program "Amazing Grace" in Wolfe Auditorium

June 24, 2015 • 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Jim and Wendy Allshouse Concert — Song and Worship in the Chapel



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